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City Investigating Cash Transactions at Recreation Centers

Akron, Ohio (July 2, 2013) – Today, Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic announced an ongoing investigation by Summit County’s Department of Internal Auditing and City of Akron Police into the handling of cash transactions by employees in the City’s recreation centers.

“Earlier this year, it came to our attention that employees at some of our recreation centers may not be handling cash transactions in accordance with our established procedures,” said Mayor Plusquellic. “We first notified the police and asked for an investigation into the matter, and then we entered into an agreement with Summit County internal auditors to review what had transpired.”

Currently, police and Summit County internal auditors are interviewing employees, and the internal auditors are additionally reviewing financial reports and cash handling procedures.

In 2003, there was a similar issue at Good Park golf course. A complete audit was performed at each location and specific cash handling procedures were put into place. Since then, the City's internal auditor and several key finance department employees retired. Due to the economic downturn, they were not replaced.

"It appears that policies were not followed. If it turns out that there was a misuse of funds in this instance, the details will be flushed out by the police and the internal auditors and appropriate action will be taken," noted Mayor Plusquellic.

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